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## UNITED STATES STANDING ON THE CRUST OF A VOLCANO

### STERN NOTE DISPATCHED TO BELLIGERENTS

#### BRITAIN DOES'NT LIKE NOTE'S TONE

**Government's Counsellors Express Indignation Because President Addresses Message to Belligerents**

[By United Press]  
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Private messages received here state that men high among the British government's counsellors expressed intense indignation at the action of President

Wilson in addressing a peace message to the belligerents. This attitude may be responsible for the action of the British government in refusing to permit the publication of the note in London.

#### Incriminating Evidence

[By United Press]  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The admission that he paid Johannes van Koolbergen \$25 for a model bomb was made by Vice-Consul von Schack under cross examination by Attorney

Preston at the Bopp trial today. He insisted, however, he sought the bomb for use in the German soldiers' trenches. To many questions he answered, "I don't remember. I don't know."

#### Burglars Make an Empty Haul

Burglars broke into the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ballard on Carson street some time during the performance at the Grand theater last evening. They succeeded in effecting an entrance by cutting a hole in the screen door in the rear large enough to permit the turning the latch; then breaking the glass in the kitchen door and turning the latch they walked in. Nothing of value so far as known was secured, but a most thorough search, from the looks of the rooms, was made for valuables.

The mattress and bedding were overturned, the bureau drawers all taken out and the contents emptied on the floor. The desk in the office had also been treated in the same manner. A block of matches and an old razor were found in the kitchen; the latter had probably been used in cutting the screen in the rear door. Manager Ballard says that everything tends to show that it was either an amateur or a drunken man who did the work. The burglary was at once reported to Officers Dodson and Logan, who immediately started an investigation.

Three other places besides Ballard's were reported this morning as being broken into last evening or some time during the night. The first place no doubt visited was Holeman's restaurant at about 8:45 last evening. Mrs. Holeman had turned out all the lights in the place and gone up stairs to retire when she heard the breaking of glass down stairs and the rattling of silver-ware. She went to the stairway and called, "Who is there," when, whoever it was, stumbled over a cuspidor and beat it out. An investigation showed the burglar had torn the screen off the side window in the main diningroom down stairs and then raised the window. Nothing was taken or disturbed as his presence in the building was discovered too soon.

The Eagle market was also entered in the same manner and everything in the desk turned upside down. That the burglar was not to be foiled if

#### ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO

**President Declares That Our Rights Are Being Invaded and Intimates That Prosperity Derived From War In No Wise Recompenses for the Harm That Is Being Done--There Is Danger of Being Drawn Into the Struggle**

[By United Press]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Plainly hinting that there is danger in the United States being drawn into the war Secretary Lansing today said this was the real reason behind President Wilson's message to the belligerents.

#### Must Show Their Hand

[By United Press]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A showdown by the belligerents because America's rights are invaded and because the nation feels that this cannot continue is the real purpose behind President Wilson's note, dispatched to the foreign powers. Secretary Lansing's statement following as the real purpose behind Wilson's note, was sent Monday. Secretary Lansing said: "Our rights are being invaded by the belligerents on both sides and the situation is becoming increasingly critical. I mean by that we are drawing nearer to the verge of war, therefore, we are entitled to know what each belligerent seeks in order that we can regulate our conduct in the future. It was not our material interests that were concerned when the president said the situation might become intolerable. We prospered by the war, but our rights have been invaded." It is stated positively that the German peace proposals and Lloyd-George's speech

had nothing to do with the dispatch of the note, except to delay in sending it.

#### Sitting On a Volcano

[By United Press]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When informed by Secretary Lansing's statement that the United States regarded the situation as "intolerable" Representative Kahn of California, sitting in the house military committee, rose dramatically and said: "Gentlemen, the committee must act with haste, as our country stands on the crust of a volcano."

#### No Change In Policy

[By United Press]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The United States government is not considering any change of its policy of neutrality toward the belligerents. Secretary Lansing said this afternoon in formal statement supplementing his earlier statement. The second statement was issued because the first had been subjected to "various constructions he had not meant to convey." He said it may be necessary to send a supplementary note explaining or supplementing the first note if the belligerents misconstrue it. Lansing was asked, "does the first statement stand?" "Why certainly," he replied, "the second would be unintelligible without the first."

## WORLD EVENTS

[By United Press]  
DETROIT, Dec. 21.—As a means of relieving the car congestion threatening Detroit industries the Ford plant will shut down Saturday until January 3d. Forty-two thousand will be out of work. The workers will lose nearly \$1,500,000 in wages.

#### Nearly a Catastrophe

[By United Press]  
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—Four firemen were overcome by smoke and severely injured, but not seriously, and fifty guests narrowly escaped in an early morning fire in the three-story Columbian hotel, which was destroyed. The loss is between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The adjoining buildings were threatened.

#### Will Let the Job Out

[By United Press]  
EUREKA, Dec. 21.—The war department has given up the attempt to salvage the H-3, but private corporations will be awarded the con-

tract for saving the vessel, it is believed.

#### No License Yet

[By United Press]  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Luther Burbank arrived today from Santa Rosa, but up to 1:15 no license had been taken out to marry Miss Elizabeth Waters.

#### Pays Compliment to "Mac"

R. A. McKay, who has held the position of chief clerk in the office of the state engineer for several years and who was defeated for the clerkship of the Supreme court at the last election, will take up the practice of law in Carson City. He is considered one of the ablest attorneys in the state.—Churchill County Standard.

C. C. Emerson, publisher of the Mason Valley News, who has been attending the sessions of the Educational Survey commission of which he is a member, left on last night's train for Yerington.

#### BERNSTROFF IS ALSO PERTURBED

**He Does Not Relish the Suggestion That the United States May Be Forced Into the War**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Ambassador Bernstorff was plainly disturbed on hearing of Secretary Lansing's statement relative to the president's note. He gave the impression that he attached great significance to Lansing's remarks of the purpose back of the note. He did not relish the suggestion of the United States entering the war.

#### Wild Day On 'Change

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The crash on the Stock Exchange as the result of Secretary Lansing's statement continued until the close. Despite the support of the big banking inter-

ests 3,176,000 shares were dumped on the exchange. It was the wildest day since the Northern Pacific panic in 1901. Thousands of speculators' ventures have been wrecked.

## NATIONAL PROHIBITION BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED UPON

[By United Press]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The National Prohibition bill was today reported favorably by the senate judiciary committee.

#### More Americans Abroad

[By United Press]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The American ambassador at Malta has reported that the British seacruiser St.

Ursula was torpedoed without warning. Six Americans aboard were saved.

#### Ambassadors Anxious

[By United Press]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The ambassadors of Britain, Japan, Germany, Italy, Bulgaria, Persia and Turkey today visited Secretary Lansing.

#### 'The Regeneration' Tonight's Feature

Tonight the Grand presents the powerful picturization of "The Regeneration," in six wonderful acts, by Owen Kildare, from which he refers to the romantic story, "My Mamie Rose." The latest sensation creation featuring the famous stars, Rockcliffe Fellows and Anno L. Nelson, supported by an all star cast.

Press opinions on the production of "The Regeneration."

New York World—"A powerful drama of brilliant power and depth. A play to move and sway with the deep undercurrents of human life and emotion—fires and inspires with masterly skill and deft dramatic work."

New York Times—"Rarely is a drama of such real merit presented on Broadway—the authors are to be congratulated on a real play of trenchant worth and heart-reaching appeal."

New York Herald—"A magnificent drama that is filled with human life and heart interest situations."

Ford News will also be screened. A program of seven reels of enjoyment.

Our prices are painless, 10 and 20c.

#### Washington of West Is Denver

[By United Press]  
DENVER, Dec. 21.—This city is now the Washington of the west. Denver today has more federal offices, bureaus and branches of governmental departments than any other city in the United States, except the national capital.

In the new \$2,500,000 federal building here are assembled more federal offices under one roof than anywhere else in the country—not excepting Washington itself this time—for Denver is headquarters for the entire United States for some departments and the western pivot for practically all of the other government branches. The marine service is the only one not represented here.

#### Says There's No Coal Famine

The Goldfield Tribune, in its issue of Monday evening, denied very emphatically that there is a scarcity of coal in Goldfield, or that a famine in fuel has existed there this winter. The report that residents of the camp were suffering as the result of a shortage of coal, appears to have been circulated by an irresponsible writer and was taken up by outside papers and given publicity.

Attorney George Montrose and R. E. Leland motored over from Gardnerville yesterday. They returned to the valley late last evening.